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"FARMAKON" FACTORY'S ECONOMY PROGRAM A SUCCESS

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The personnel of the "Farmakon" Factory are resolved to fulfill the 1949 plans by adhering to a strict economy program in the utilization of raw materials. At present, they intend to save 400 tons of materials and some 25,000 liters of alcohol valued at one million rubles. The plan has already been put into effect, and the results for the first quarter have reflected the resolve of the factory's personnel.

One of the first steps in this program was a training period for all personnel which introduced them to every possible aspect of their job. Proven Stakhanovites were very active in the training program and are to be commended for their efforts. So far the training has brought excellent results, and workers have been producing from 30 to 50 percent above assigned quotas. Due to the training program it was also possible to cut down the expenditure of raw materials.

A Ministry of Public Health decree urged that in 1949 there should be at least a 15 percent saving in the use of paranitrochlorobenzene. The factory workers complied with every word of the decree. As a result, in January, the expenditure index dropped 3.62 percent and in February it fell another 8.5 percent. By improving existing equipment and developing new equipment, it was possible to save 1,670 liters of alcohol in January and 2,100 liters in February.

Special efforts were made to save certain scarce materials. The results were satisfactory and in the last month the expenditure was cut by 40 percent. Another one of the shops was able to cut 24-30 hours off the time necessary for the production of a single item. Due to the strict economy program, the Factory was able to produce many hundreds of kilograms of additional products.

The phenacetine shop intends to produce an additional 5 tons over the 1949 quota. The workers of the whole factory hope to cut their annual production schedule by 5 days.

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